

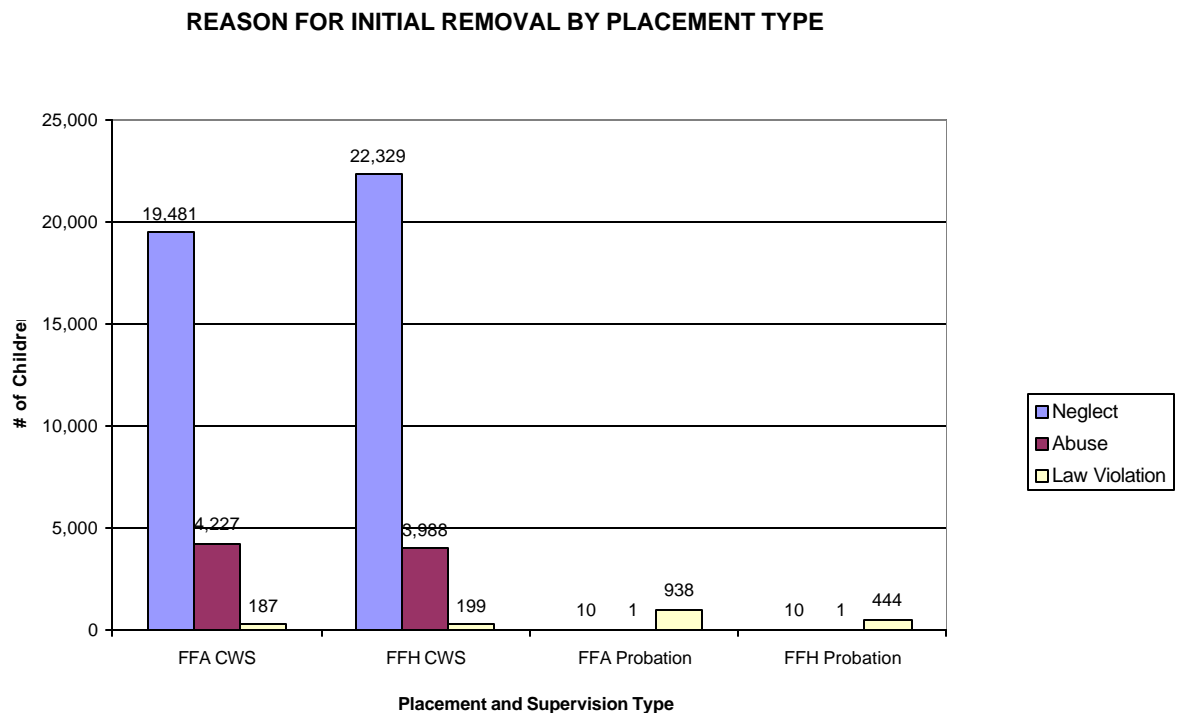
## REASON FOR INITIAL REMOVAL

The primary reason for removal for children placed in either a FFA or FFH was neglect (general neglect, severe neglect, or caretaker absence/ incapacity), at 19,506 and 22,346 children placed, respectively. Physical abuse constituted the second most prevalent reason for removal at 4,228 children placed in FFAs and 3,991 placed in FFHs. Law violation and status offense accounted for removal of 938 and 444 children who were placed in a FFA or FFH, respectively.

For children entering care via a CWS placement, the primary reason for placement mirrored the primary reason for all children placed in either a FFA (62%) or FFH (69%). Likewise, physical abuse was the second most prevalent reason for removal, at 14 percent of FFA placements and 12 percent for FFH placements.

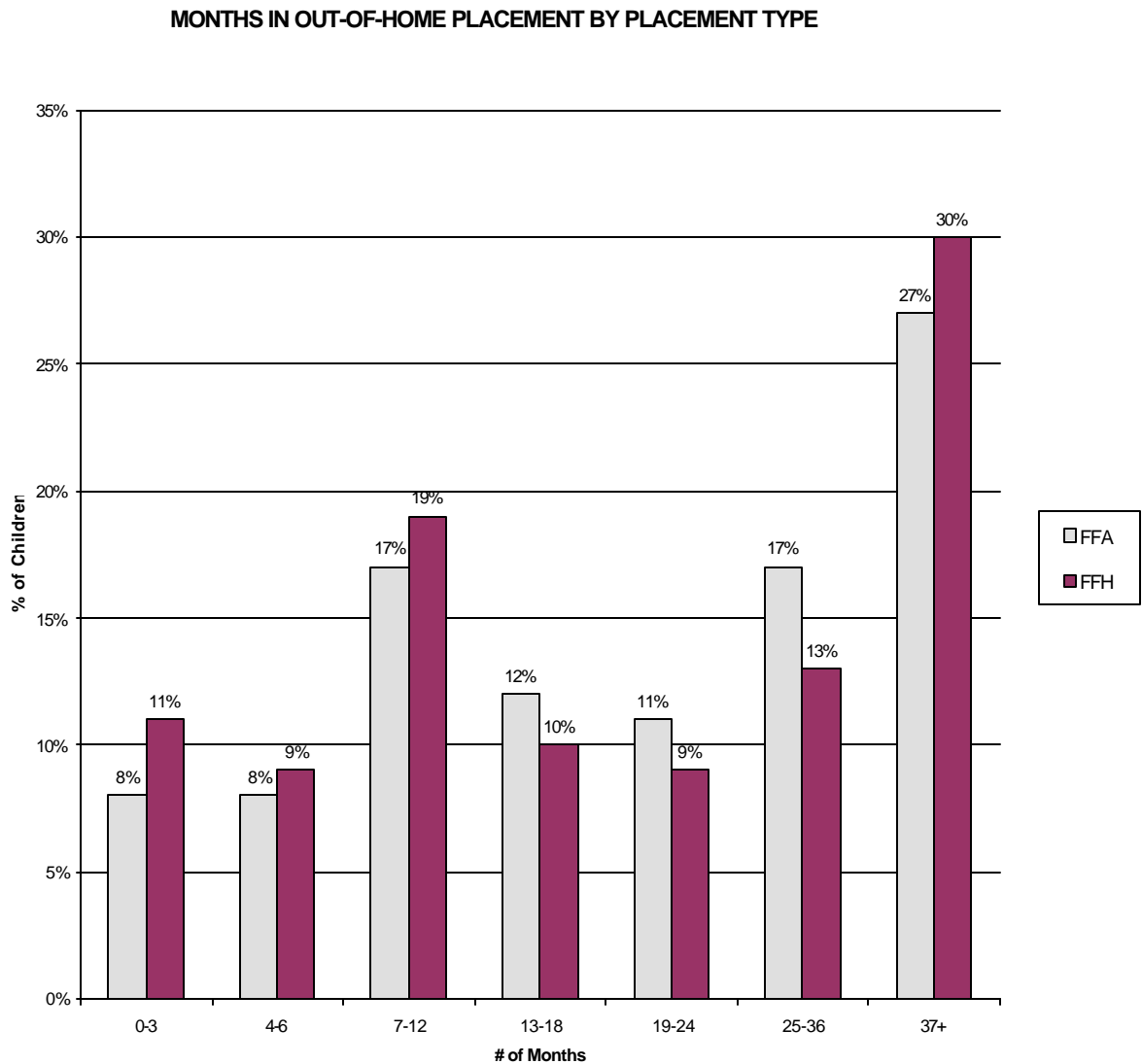
For children entering care via probation, the primary reason for placement in either a FFA or FFH was for law violation (including status offense), at 95 and 90 percent, respectively.

Figure 12



## MONTHS IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT

Figure 13

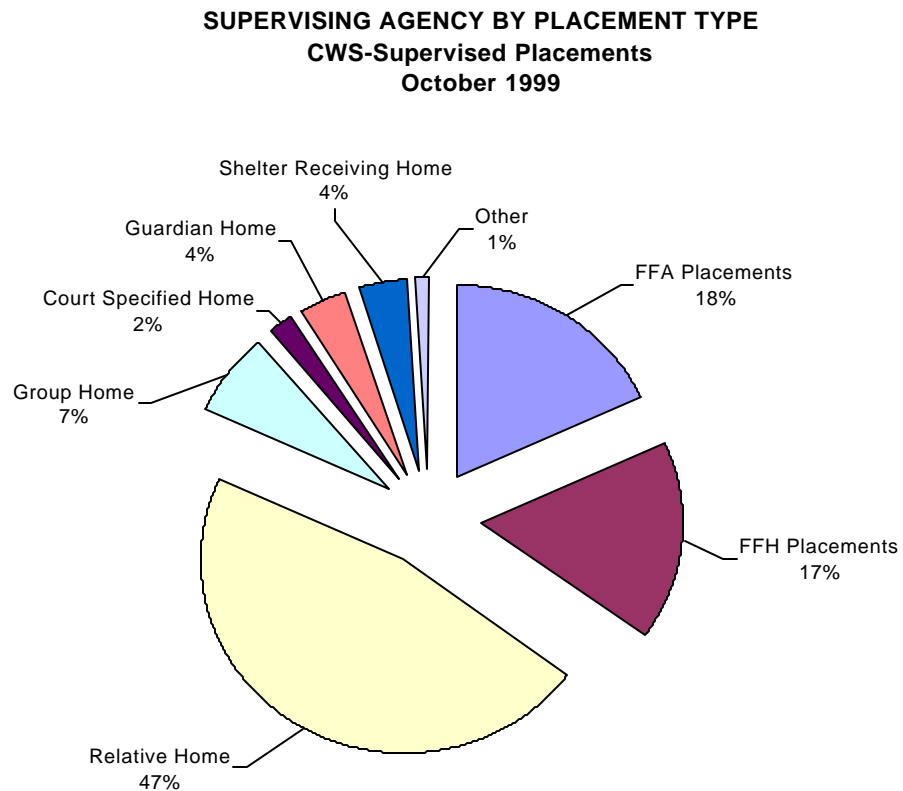


Thirty-three percent of children placed with FFAs and 39 percent of children in FFHs had been in out-of-home care for 12 or fewer months. Fifty-six percent of children placed with a FFA had been in out-of-home care for 24 or fewer months, and 58 percent of children in a FFH had been in out-of-home care for 24 or fewer months.

## *SUPERVISING AGENCY BY PLACEMENT TYPE*

### CWS-Supervised Placements

Figure 14



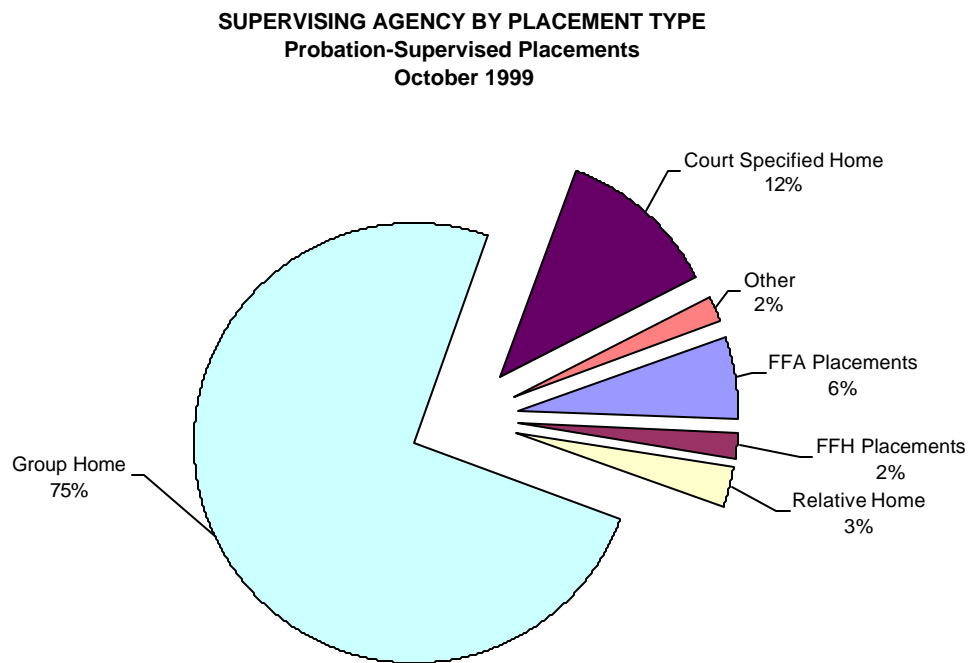
The most recent available data regarding the total number of children in foster care as of October 1999 indicates 105,066 children were in placements supervised by CWS. The data presented in Figure 14 indicates that 18 percent of CWS-supervised children were placed in a FFA and 17 percent of CWS-supervised children were placed in a FFH.

CWS/CMS data for the period January-December 1999 indicates that for all children placed in a FFA, 97 percent were supervised by a CWS agency. For all children placed in a FFH during that same time period, 99 percent were supervised by a CWS agency.

## *SUPERVISING AGENCY BY PLACEMENT TYPE (continued)*

### Probation-Supervised Placements

Figure 15



The most recent available data regarding the total number of children in foster care from October 1999 indicates 7,107 children were in placements supervised by a probation department. The data presented in Figure 15 indicates that 6 percent of probation-supervised children were placed in a FFA, and 2 percent were in a FFH placement.

CWS/CMS data for the period January-December 1999 indicates that for all children placed in a FFA, almost 3 percent were supervised by a probation department. For children placed in a FFH, approximately 1 percent was supervised by a probation department.

## CHILD'S CASE PLAN/TREATMENT GOAL

### CWS-Supervised Placements

Regardless of placement type, the three most prevalent case plan/treatment goals<sup>1</sup> for CWS-supervised children were 1) to return home, 2) long term foster care with a non-relative provider, and 3) adoption. It is interesting to note the data indicates a similar number of children in a FFH with a case plan/treatment goal of adoption and long term foster care.

The data indicates a notable difference between the number of children in a FFA and a FFH with a case plan/treatment goal of long term foster care with a non-relative provider with the FFA far exceeding the FFH. Another notable difference exists between the number of children in each placement type with a case plan/treatment goal of adoption, with more children in a FFH having such a case plan/treatment goal. Also noteworthy is the small percentage of children in either placement type with a case plan/treatment goal of legal guardianship or long term foster care with a relative provider.

Figure 16

### CHILD'S CASE PLAN/TREATMENT GOAL - CWS-SUPERVISED PLACEMENTS

Goal Type	FFA-CWS		FFH-CWS	
	# of Children	Percent	# of Children	Percent
<b>Adoption</b>	<b>2,537</b>	<b>8.12</b>	<b>3,648</b>	<b>11.32</b>
<b>Adoption With Sibling(s)</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>2.23</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>2.39</b>
<b>Legal Guardianship</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>1.94</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>4.35</b>
<b>Long Term Foster Care with Non-Relative</b>	<b>6,355</b>	<b>20.35</b>	<b>3,902</b>	<b>12.10</b>
<b>Long Term Foster Care with Relative</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>2.46</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>2.87</b>
<b>Return Home</b>	<b>8,739</b>	<b>27.98</b>	<b>7,584</b>	<b>23.53</b>
<b>Maintain minor with Guardian</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>3.69</b>
<b>Self-Maintenance (pre-emancipation)</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes data of cases indicating a case goal/treatment plan that was either not reported or had begun as a Family Maintenance case that had not been updated. This data accounts for approximately 37 percent of the reported plans/goals for both placement types.

## CHILD'S CASE PLAN/TREATMENT GOAL (continued)

### Probation-Supervised Placements

As could reasonably be expected, the number one case plan/treatment goal<sup>2</sup> for probation-supervised children in either placement type was to return the child home. Very few probation-supervised children were reported as having a case plan/treatment goal of adoption or long term foster care with a relative, and no children were reported as having legal guardianship as the case plan/treatment goal.

Figure 17

### CHILD'S CASE PLAN/TREATMENT GOAL - PROBATION-SUPERVISED PLACEMENTS

Goal Type	FFA- Probation	Percent	FFH- Probation	Percent
	# of Children		# of Children	
<b>Adoption</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.15</b>	No data*	
<b>Adoption With Sibling(s)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.13</b>	No data*	
<b>Legal Guardianship</b>	No data*		No data*	
<b>Long Term Foster Care with Non-Relative</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>5.10</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8.06</b>
<b>Long Term Foster Care with Relative</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1.47</b>
<b>Return Home</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>91.58</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>83.88</b>
<b>Maintain minor with Guardian</b>	No data*		No data*	
<b>Self-Maintenance (pre-emancipation)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2.56</b>

<sup>2</sup> Excludes data of cases indicating a case goal/treatment plan that was either not reported or had begun as a Family Maintenance case that had not been updated. This data accounts for approximately 37 percent of the reported plans/goals for both placement types.

\* No cases with this case goal/treatment plan were reported to CWS/CMS.

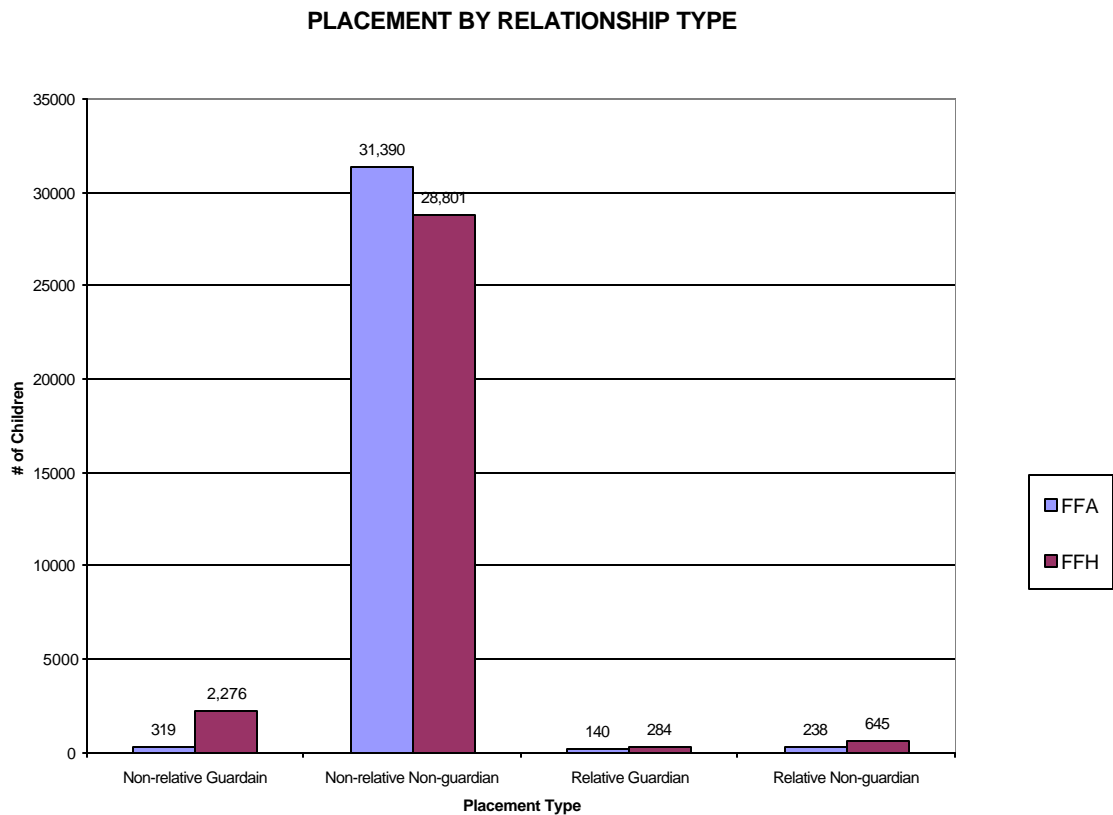
## PLACEMENT BY RELATIONSHIP TYPE

The data presented below represents the number of children in each *licensed* placement type.

Regardless of placement type, the majority of children in FFAs or FFHs were placed with a non-relative, non-guardian provider.

Although relative providers are not required to be licensed or certified, a small number of children were in placement with a licensed relative FFH or certified relative FFA provider. Prior to Kinship care, some providers who cared for a related child became licensed or certified; the data presented here includes those providers. The data reveals that placement with a FFA-certified relative was just over 1 percent, or 378 children. Placement with a licensed FFH relative was approximately 3.5 percent, or 1,129 children. The majority of children placed with a relative are in an unlicensed kinship care placement.

Figure 18



## PRIOR PLACEMENTS

### CWS-Supervised Children

The data presented below reveals that the majority of children supervised by CWS, 56 percent in a FFA and 53 percent in a FFH, had multiple prior placements. Children in their first placement or who had no prior placement, accounted for 44 percent and 47 percent of children placed in a FFA or FFA, respectively.

For children placed in FFAs, 55 percent had one to six prior placements. The remaining 1 percent experienced more than six prior placements, with several children having 10 and 15 prior placements and one child having 21 placements. Similarly, for children placed in FFHs, 52 percent had one to six prior placements, with the remaining 1 percent of those children having more than 6 prior placements, and 40 children having 10 or more prior placements.

Figure 19

#### PRIOR PLACEMENTS - CWS SUPERVISED CHILDREN

# of Prior Placements	FFA		FFH	
	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children
No Prior/First Placement	13,714	44	15,153	47
1	8,800	28	8,965	28
2	4,121	13	3,937	12
3	2,131	7	2,114	7
4	1,162	4	987	3
5	598	2	517	2
6	344	1	264	<1
7	173	<1	139	<1
8	81	<1	66	<1
9	44	<1	53	<1
10	23	<1	21	<1
11	13	<1	9	<1
12	9	<1	1	<1
13	11	<1	3	<1
14	3	<1	3	<1
15	3	<1	0	<1
16	0	<1	1	<1
17	0	<1	0	<1
18	1	<1	0	<1
19	0	<1	1	<1
20	0	<1	1	<1
21	1	<1	0	<1
TOTAL	31,232	100	32,235	100



*PRIOR PLACEMENTS (continued)*

Probation-Supervised Children

The data presented below reveals that the majority of children supervised by a probation department, 59 percent in a FFA and 66 percent in a FFH, were in their first placement.

For children placed in FFAs, 41 percent had multiple prior placements. Only one child had more than six prior placements, at 8 priors. Similarly, for children placed in FFHs, 34 percent had one to six prior placements, with one child having more than six, at 7 prior placements.

Figure 20

**PRIOR PLACEMENTS - PROBATION SUPERVISED CHILDREN**

	FFA		FFH	
# of Prior Placements	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children
No Prior/First Placement	461	59	181	66
1	202	26	60	22
2	70	9	16	6
3	25	3	9	3
4	9	1	3	1
5	12	2	3	1
6	4	<1	0	0
7	0	0	1	<1
8	1	<1	*	*
9	*	*	*	*
10	*	*	*	*
11	*	*	*	*
12	*	*	*	*
13	*	*	*	*
14	*	*	*	*
15	*	*	*	*
16	*	*	*	*
17	*	*	*	*
18	*	*	*	*
19	*	*	*	*
20	*	*	*	*
21	*	*	*	*
TOTAL	784	100	273	100

\* No cases were reported for this number of prior placements.